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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT: PROBLEMS WITH COLOMBIA

1. THE COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED TO START JUNE 23 MAY BE POSTPONED TO JULY 7 ON REQUEST OF COLOMBIA. COMMISSION PRESIDENT ADOLFO GUTIERREZ (BOLIVIAN) CAME TO LIMA TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH THE JUNTA. IF MEETING IS POSTPONED (OVER JUNTA'S OBJECTION), THEN THE PETRO-CHEMICAL EXPERTS' MEETING, WHICH IS TO START ON JUNE 16, WILL ALSO BE POSTPONED.

2. PRINCIPAL ITEMS ON COMMISSION AGENDA ARE PETRO-CHEMICAL AND AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS CHILE'S INITIATIVE TO FIND BUYERS FOR ABOUT 76 ENTERPRISES CURRENTLY UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

3. THE POSITION TAKEN BY COLOMBIA IN RECENT WEEKS IS CAUSING CONCERN. A JUNTA OFFICIAL REMARKED TO EMBOFF
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THAT COLOMBIA SEEMS TO BE LOOKING FOR PRETEXTS TO POST-

PONE ACTION ON THE SECTORAL PROGRAMS. HE ADDED THAT EVEN THE CHILEAN ISSUE IS USED BY COLOMBIA IN ITS DELAYING ACTION. HE FEARED THAT COLOMBIA MAY NOT HAVE THE POLITICAL DETERMINATION AT THIS TIME TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PENDING PROGRAMS. ANOTHER JUNTA OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, ARGUED THAT COLOMBIA HAS TOO MUCH TO LOSE FROM A CURTAILMENT OF ITS EXPORTS UNDER THE ANDEAN GENERAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM TO OBSTRUCT THE JOINT PLANNING PROCESS IN KEY INDUSTRIES.

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